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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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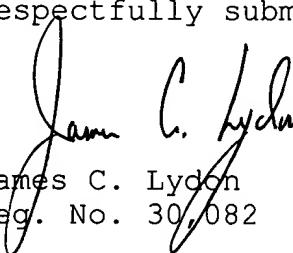
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment rewrites claims 24, 27, and 28, inserts a reference to International Application PCT/FI00/00131 into the specification, and presents a new Abstract based on the PCT Abstract. The changes to the claims merely eliminate multiple dependencies. The Abstract is based on the PCT abstract. A version showing the changes made is attached as an Appendix. Claims 1-29 are pending.

It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of the application are earnestly requested.

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Appendix
Abstract of the Disclosure

APPENDIX

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph between the title and the first heading on page 1 is new.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 24, 27 and 28 have been rewritten as follows:

24. (Once Amended) A delivery device comprising the controllably biodegradable fibre according to [any one of claims 8-15] claim 8, wherein the fibre contains a biologically active agent.

27. (Once Amended) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising a delivery device according to [any one of claims 24-26] claim 24.

28. (Once Amended) A method for administering a biologically active agent [into] to a human or animal, wherein said method comprises implanting, injecting or mucosally attaching a delivery device, wherein said delivery device comprises a controllably biodegradable fibre according to [any of claims 8-15] claim 8 and wherein the fibre comprises a biologically active agent.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract is new.